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SUBJECT: 26TH SESSION UN COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN -
ITEM 3

1. AT MEETING OF WEO'S CALLED BY US DEL (SEPT 20) GROUP DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE BEING INTRODUCED INTO PREAMBLE OF DRAFT CONVENTION ON WOMEN BY THE GDR.

2. US DEL NOTED THAT RATIFICATION OF COMVENTION UNLIKELY BY US CONGRESS IF ZIONISM/RACISM PHRASEOLOGY INTRODUCED. CANADIAN REP (MCCRAE) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS SAME AS US. US REP (CALLWAY) WHOSE DEL TO COMMISSION WILL BE SPOKESMAN FOR EC-9 SAID THAT UK AS WELL AS OTHER WEO MEMBERS WERE REVIEWING THEIR VOTING AT THE MEXICO CONFERENCE AND WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE.

3. GROUP AGREED THAT NO APPROACHES WOULD BE MADE TO THIRD WORLD REPS UNTIL, AND IF, ISSUE IS INTRODUCED. IF INTRODUCED AS LAST MINUTE EFFORT JUST BEFORE SESSION CLOSES, WEO'S AGREED TO FILIBUSTER IN EFFORT TO DELAY AND POSSIBLY DEFEAT DECISION. IF INTRODUCED EARLER, SAME PROCEDURE WOULD BE TAKE AND INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE REQUESTED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE

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GOVERNMENTS. IF ISSUE IS RAISED, ALL WEO'S WILL MAKE

EFFORT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF THIRD WORLD MEMBERS WHO WOULD
VOTE IN FAVOR OF INCLUSION OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM PHRASEOLOGY.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS WISHFUL THINKING ON PART OF WEO'S
THAT ISSUE MAY NOT BE RAISED. MOST ARE CONCERNED ABOUT
HOW INCLUSION WILL BE MADE AND EC-9 VOTING PATTERN WILL BE
BASED ON WHETHER PHRASEOLOGY IS INCLUDED IN PREAMBLE OR
REFERENCE IS MADE THROUGH MENTION OF THE DECLARATION OF
MEXICO. WHILE ALL OPPOSE ZIONISM/RACISM BEING INTRODUCED
IN FINAL CRUNCH, SOME SOUND AS IF THEY MIGHT ABSTAIN OR VOTE
IN FAVOR OF ALL BUT ZIONISM/RACISM.

5. U.S. DEL IS NOT CONVINCED THAT CURRENT WEO STRATEGY IS THE
BEST AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT GUIDANCE ON ITEM. END COMMENT.
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